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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR US GRANT ASSISTANCE TO THE
EXPLOSIVE HVESTING PROGRAM UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
HUMANITARIAN DEMINING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COURSE FROM JUNE 1,
2009 to MAY 31, 2010

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11. This is an action cable. See Paragraph Six.

12. Reftel is guidance for screening nominees for U.S. sponsored
training programs.

13. To comply with the Leahy amendment relative to U.S. sponsored
security assistance training, the U.S. Embassy Phnom Penh has
conducted local human rights vetting for the following individuals
receiving U.S. Grant Assistance to the Explosive Harvesting Program
under the Department of Defense Humanitarian Demining Research and
Development Course from June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010.

NAME: Thong Khean (Male)
DPOB: May 6, 1968; Battambang
POSITION: Chief of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)Unit 1
DEPT/UNIT: Cambodian Mine Action Center (CMAC)

NAME: Khun Marra (Male)
DPOB: Jul. 15, 1975; Battambang
POSITION: EOD Operator
DEPT/UNIT: CMAC

NAME: Mao Sokhon (Male)
DPOB: Sept. 26, 1962; Svay Rieng
POSITION: EOD Operator
DEPT/UNIT: CMAC

NAME: Chhong Savong (Male)
DPOB: Jun. 1, 1972; Battambang
POSITION: EOD 4
DEPT/UNIT: CMAC

NAME: Chin Phal (Male)
DPOB: Jun. 6, 1973; Kampong Cham
POSITION: EOD 2
DEPT/UNIT: CMAC

NAME: Sam Vicheth (Male)
DPOB: Apr. 13, 1973; Siem Reap
POSITION: EOD 3
DEPT/UNIT: CMAC

NAME: Seurng Samnang (Male)
DPOB: Aug. 6, 1967; Kampong Speu
POSITION: EOD 7
DEPT/UNIT: CMAC

NAME: Sieng Chharann (Male)
DPOB: Apr. 19, 1963; Phnom Penh
POSITION: EOD 1

DEPT/UNIT: CMAC

NAME: Snguon Pisith (Male)
DPOB: Dec. 5, 1975; Battambang
POSITION: Medic
DEPT/UNIT: CMAC

¶4. U.S. Embassy Phnom Penh has reviewed its files and finds that, as of this date, it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the above individuals.

¶5. Individuals will attend the U.S. Grant Assistance to the Explosive Harvesting Program under the Department of Defense Humanitarian Demining Research and development from June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010.

¶6. Action request: Please verify whether the Department possesses any credible information that the individuals named above have been implicated in gross violations of human rights.

¶7. Points of contacts for Amembassy Phnom Penh are Major Wayne Turnbull at turnbullpw@state.gov or tel: 855-23-728-219, or Jenae Johnson at Johnsonjd3@state.gov or tel: 855-23-728-118.

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